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1. US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS PARTICIPATED WITH AN ELECTRONIC WARFARE ASSOCIATION KNOWN AS THE ASSOCIATION OF OLD CROWS (AOC) IN CONDUCTING AN ELECTRONIC WARFARE(EW) SYMPOSIUM DURING PAST SEVEN YEARS. THESE SYMPOSIA ARE ONLY FORA IN WHICH DOD OFFICIALS DISCUSS THEIR MOST CRITICAL EW REQUIREMENTS AND PLANS WITH US INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE. WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE SYMPOSIA HELP US TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY APPRECIATION OF BASIC OPERATIONAL EW PROBLEMS; TO UNDERSTAND LIMITATIONS AND POTENTIAL OF BASIC TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES; TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSES OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EW AREA; AND TO PROPOSE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SYSTEM AC-

QUISITION PROCESS.

2. AOC PLANS TO HOST A TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM IN GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND, SEPT 14-16, 1976. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO EXTEND, THOUGH SYG AND PERMREPS, INVITATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND NATO MODS TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THIS YEARS SYMPOSIUM IN GAITHERSBURG. MISSION IS, OF COURSE, INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO SYMPOSIUM AS WELL. INFORMATION REGARDING

AGENDA, SCHEDULES, FEES, RESERVATIONS, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, SECURITY CLEARANCES AND OTHER ASPECTS OF EW SYMPOSIUM MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING: CHIEF, ELECTRONIC WARFARE BRANCH, OPERATIONS DIVISION, SHAPE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE SYG AND ASK PERMREPS TO ADVISE MODS THAT ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE NATO SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES CERTIFIED THROUGH THEIR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

4. BY SEPARATE MESSAGE (REF. B) SIMILAR INVITATIONS ARE BEING EXTENDED TO MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS. JCS PLANS TO SEND INVITATIONS TO US DEL MC, AND THROUGH US DEL MC TO CHAIRMAN, NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF. ROBINSON

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